

APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

☒ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method and apparatus for the substantially continuous processing of cheese. The apparatus processes cheese milk (coagulum) through to particulate cheese. The apparatus includes a de-watering or cheddering tower having a column with an inlet in which a pillar of cheese can fuse. Drainage manifolds allow the whey to discharge. The column joins with a detritising cutting element provided at the lower end thereof. The cutting element removes cheese from the pillar as it makes contact therewith. Simultaneously and consequently the cutting element forms a quantity of particulate cheese which is deposited into a conveyor for transport downstream. Secondary detritising element may be included and preferably both detritising elements are mounted in a hopper with the conveyor at the lower end thereof. The inlet include a hopper 1 to enable particulate cheese to be charged into the column.